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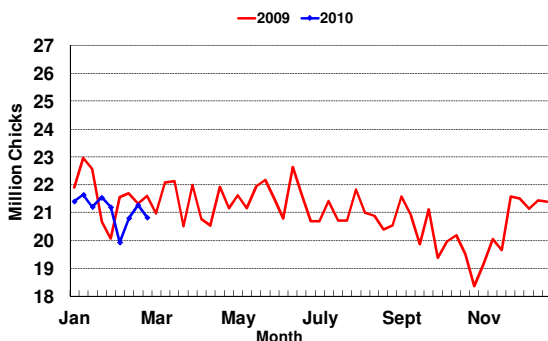
Arkansas Chick Placements Down 4 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 20.8 million during the week ending February 27, 2010. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week in 2009 and down 2 percent from the previous week.

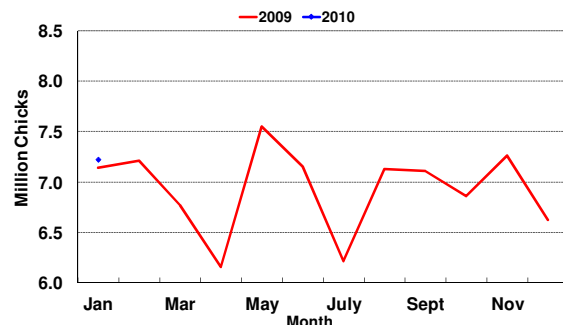
Arkansas hatcheries set 24.8 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending February 27, 2010, down 1 percent from the same period last year but up 2 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **United States** placed 7.22 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during January 2010, up 1 percent from January 2009.

Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2009-2010



U. S. Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks Placed For Domestic Hatchery Supply Flocks, 2009-2010



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, January 30, 2010 - February 27, 2010

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	30-Jan	6-Feb	13-Feb	20-Feb	27-Feb	30-Jan	6-Feb	13-Feb	20-Feb	27-Feb
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	29,666 *	29,407 *	29,791	30,090 *	30,059	20,508	20,420	20,296	20,884 *	20,557
Arkansas	24,040	23,926 *	24,504	24,333 *	24,761	21,191	19,920	20,798	21,265 *	20,820
Delaware	2,948	3,225	3,269	3,266	3,264	5,062	4,577	4,512	3,911	5,629
Florida	1,388	1,389	1,352	1,376	1,385	820	1,081	1,029	1,104	1,040
Georgia	31,126	31,757	31,630	31,902	31,803	26,391	25,908	26,329	25,852	26,470
Kentucky	7,848	7,561 *	7,682	7,502 *	7,508	6,555	6,138	6,289	6,149 *	6,077
Louisiana	3,439	3,470	3,392	3,470	3,470	2,965	2,955	2,929	3,014	3,049
Maryland	8,107	8,741	8,904	9,069	9,106	5,104	6,252	5,800	5,808	4,389
Mississippi	19,031	19,390 *	19,335	19,016	19,465	15,903	16,484	16,259	16,617	16,897
N. Carolina	18,362	18,767 *	18,632	18,864	18,763	15,234 *	15,072	14,868	15,011	15,411
Oklahoma	6,634	6,850 *	7,095	7,003 *	6,935	4,260	4,305	4,557	4,863	4,505
Pennsylvania	3,330	3,168	3,620 *	3,693 *	3,510	3,099	2,957	2,932 *	2,646 *	2,567
S. Carolina	5,830	5,435	5,515	5,675	5,977	4,813	4,613	4,952	4,982	5,071
Texas	15,744	15,877	15,662	16,141	15,804	12,785	12,407	12,239	12,960	13,167
Virginia	6,301	6,301	6,490	6,435	6,427	5,154	4,412	4,731	4,948	4,561
CA,MO,TN & WV	18,511 *	18,805 *	18,882 *	19,016 *	19,558	15,593 *	15,767 *	16,095 *	15,799 *	17,134
19 State Total	202,305 *	204,069 *	205,755 *	206,851 *	207,795	165,437 *	163,268 *	164,615 *	165,813 *	167,344
Prev. Year Total	198,417	201,805	202,817	204,603	206,753	166,670	168,018	167,039	163,431	166,495
% of Prev. Year	102	101	101	101	101	99	97	99	101	101

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 27, 2010. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 27, 2010. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through February 27, 2010 were 1.33 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.